

Congressman Edwards knows that Social Security and Medicare have done more for seniors' independence, health and financial security than any other federal initiatives.

He opposes privatization, which will erode guaranteed benefits to seniors. Congressman Edwards also believes we must take strong actions to reduce federal deficits to protect future Social Security and Medicare benefits.

- Social Security is a guaranteed benefit earned by seniors that ensures their retirement security and keeps many out of poverty.
- Private Accounts do not address the long term financial challenges of Social Security and in fact, moving up its insolvency date.
- Congress and the Administration must work together in good faith to strengthen Social Security for the future without cutting benefits.
- We must also work together to secure existing pension benefits, make it easier for workers to save for retirement by enhancing and strengthening investment vehicles such as 401(k)s and IRA plans, and provide clear and unbiased information on retirement investment options.
- Any solution to the challenges facing Social Security in the future must strengthen Social Security, not weaken it, protect guaranteed benefits, not cut them, and lower our record deficits, not add to them.

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